

REGULAR MEETING OF THE JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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The Jasper County Commissioners met this date at 8:15 A.M. C.S.T., in the Commissioners Room, Suite 202, of the Jasper County Courthouse located at 115 West Washington Street, Rensselaer, Indiana, with the following members present: Kendell Culp and Richard Maxwell. Please let the record show that James A. Walstra was absent. Also present were Auditor Kimberly K. Grow, Deputy Auditor Tina Porter, Highway Engineer / Supervisor Jack R. Haberlin and the Attorney that represents the Commissioners, Eric J. Beaver. The meeting was called to order and those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Nicholas Van Houten.

CLAIMS: Mr. Culp stated that the claims will be addressed later in the meeting due to a few questions that need answered.

PAYROLL: Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the payroll for the check date equal to January 13, 2017 and January 30, 2017 as presented. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

MINUTES: Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, from the regular December 27, 2016 meeting and the regular January 3, 2017 meeting. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

BURIED CABLE: Mr. Haberlin submitted one buried cable permit for approval from NetNitco in Keener Township. Mr. Culp and Mr. Maxwell had a few questions they needed to ask Mr. Haberlin regarding this request so they will wait on making a motion until Mr. Haberlin returns.

RICK CRAWLEY / WABASH VALLEY ALLIANCE: Mr. Crawley was present and started by introducing their local Director, Denise Snyder. He brought a summary of the statistics for Jasper County, broken down by fiscal and demographic data. They ended their fiscal year on June 30, 2016 with a shortfall of \$569,532.10. They received \$281,116.00 in statutory funding from Jasper County and made up the difference with state and federal grants. There were five hundred and seven patients treated, down from five hundred and sixty three the year prior. The loss in the number of patients treated is in the age category zero to eighteen and typically relates to their school-based services. The total number of patients treated represents approximately one and one half percent of the population, which is lower than the ideal three to four percent. Mr. Culp asked Mr. Crawley if he views the one and one half percentage as a positive or negative. Mr. Crawley responded that it's lower than they would expect. He stated that the northern part of the county goes to Lake County to seek services, which is the way it's been since he started working for Wabash Valley. Approximately twenty-five percent of that population leaves the county for services. He's been able to track the numbers for several years. In response to Mr. Culp asking if he feels they have adequate bed space at their facility, Mr. Crawley said they do and when full, they use Sycamore Springs. Wabash's primary focus however is outpatient.

Judge Potter stopped in to the meeting to tell the Commissioners that two shingles seem to have fallen off the Southwest portion of the Courthouse roof. He stated that he wasn't aware Wabash Valley was present and went on to express concerns regarding their service. His Chief Probation Officer reported to him that his probationers have told him Wabash Valley has put them on a three or four month waiting period for an appointment because they are down four or five employees at the local office. He agreed that a lot of people do go north for treatment because the court bypasses Wabash Valley in the judicial system when trying to find people mental health services due to years of being tired of dealing with them. He said they've had discussions with Wabash Valley in the past so they are aware of the problems. There are not enough services or employees at the treatment facility. He explained an incident that happened about one month ago where two gentlemen from Community Corrections were attending a group session in which they took pictures of the leader of the drug and alcohol class sleeping in the room and posted the pictures on social media. He said when he reported his concerns to Wabash Valley, he was told they took it seriously and said this shouldn't have happened but then kicked the two gentlemen out of the class for violating group integrity. While Judge Potter agrees that the pictures should not have been posted online, these are two Jasper County citizens that don't have driver's licenses who are unable to go elsewhere for treatment. He said the problems with Wabash Valley have been on-going since his time practicing as a lawyer, prior to becoming a Judge. Mr. Culp stated that the Commissioners need to hear these types of things.

RICK CRAWLEY / WABASH VALLEY ALLIANCE CONT'D: Mr. Culp continued by saying that he's heard several stories from the Sheriff over the years. As officials, when approving a claim, such as the one today for \$281,000.00 that the county statutorily has to give to Wabash Valley using tax dollars, it's concerning because we need to be frugal with our citizens tax dollars and don't feel that we are getting the return that we're paying for. Mr. Culp addressed Mr. Crawley, telling him that they are glad he's there, it's important that he hears these things and that they need to figure out what they can do to improve the situation. It doesn't make sense for the people of Jasper County to pay Wabash Valley to be the gatekeeper, but then seek services outside of the county.

Mr. Crawley responded by saying that the leader wasn't sleeping, but rather meditating. He then asked Mrs. Snyder if she'd like to explain the different facets of Intensive Outpatient Treatment. Judge Potter stated that he's heard it before. He said the reality is that they don't consider Wabash Valley as an option. Mr. Crawley admitted that they have work to do and he's sorry that Judge Potter feels that way. He said that he thinks they do a lot of good things in the community. Although they are unable to serve everyone, they are working on it. Recruiting has been very difficult for them. They have a hard time finding people to work in this community, but will continue to work on it.

Mrs. Snyder stated that, in regards to their addiction program that she's been a part of since 2007, the first part is meditation. It's an evidence based program. However, as a result of the social media posting, the counselors no longer meditate with the patients. Instead, they watch them. They also no longer allow patients to have their phones during the sessions. As far as the waiting list, if it's an addiction case, they take them in as soon as it's feasible. She said they've had a wait list for almost three years due to an approximate fifty percent reduction in therapists from three years ago. She said the addiction cases, Department of Child Services and inpatient cases do not get put on the wait list. Currently, there are only four therapists. Mr. Culp asked what the procedure is if there's an after-hours need. Ms. Schneider replied that there is an eight hundred number that can be called or they can go to the emergency room.

Judge Potter stated that he would encourage the Commissioners to talk to Mr. Spangler, head of Probation and Mr. Wakeland, head of Community Corrections. He explained that, over the course of the past ten years, all he's heard from Wabash Valley are excuses.

There being no further comments, Mr. Culp thanked Mr. Crawley and Mrs. Snyder for coming to the meeting.

BRYAN DEKOCK / FROST LAW: Mr. Dekock was present to express concerns over the frost law. He stated that he wanted to disclose that this does not affect him personally as he works for a transportation company that is exempt but rather, he is here as a concerned citizen, taxpayer, former business owner and a former truck owner-operator but he does have friends and peers that are affected by the frost law. He does agree that we need a frost law to protect the county roads, but he believes that the way the county decided to enforce the law in 2016 and now in 2017 is unfair and adds burdens to the businesses in the county and those that want to do business in the county. He further explained that he believes it to be unfair because there are some for-profit businesses that can continue to operate while others can't, simply due to the nature of their business. He gave examples such as a garbage company being allowed to pick up a roll-off dumpster from a job site, but a lumber company is not allowed to deliver lumber to the job site. Industrial parks have been approved to be located on county roads, but it's illegal to enter or leave the park during the frost law enforcement. This leaves the only places to do business with trucks or truck deliveries are state roads. He questioned why the burden is on the state to put the infrastructure in, but not on the county. We allow 100,000 pound plus trucks to travel county roads with excavating equipment to clean out a ditch, but the same excavating company is not allowed to haul it's equipment to go dig a new basement foundation or go to a job site for a new building project.

He made a few suggestions, the first being a permitting policy. The funds received would be used for administration of the permits, road repairs and installation of the infrastructure needed.

BRYAN DEKOCK / FROST LAW CONT'D: He recommended that all businesses that want to operate a truck on a frost law road pay a monthly fee or some other type of fee. This would also include the businesses that are now exempt. Those needing permits would have to have a reason for the permit and the routes they plan on traveling. The permit request would then be looked at and determined if the business can get or needs a permit. We could add weight and route restrictions to the permits. Although this will entail a great amount of additional work for the county, he believes this is what the county needs in order to grow and thrive.

His next suggestion is to class our roads as primary and secondary. The primary roads that businesses are located on should have no restrictions. The main agricultural haul roads that are exempt should be open to everyone if they're open to those hauling in and out of those agricultural centers. There are a lot of people in the county that have put in their own personal infrastructure to maintain and conduct business who are unable to use their facilities during the frost law enforcement.

Another solution he suggested is a weight per axle or tire limit instead of the blanket 16,000 pound rule. The amount of weight per tire differs depending on the number of axles there are.

Mr. DeKock informed the Commissioners that he would be willing to donate a portion of his time to the county to come up with a good solution and plan to help all of our businesses. He said that he has a considerable amount of experience in the transportation industry and understands what needs to happen in order to conduct normal business with trucks and transport. He understands loaded and empty truck weight and axle spacing. As he stated earlier, the company he works for is exempt because they haul animal feed, but they do encounter other counties in Illinois, Michigan and Ohio that require permits. They have to provide the counties with information such as why, when and where they will be traveling. Some counties require payment, while others do not. He doesn't think a truck driver should be able to bring a loaded truck to his residence, but he should be able to bring an empty truck home. He understands there will be many cases to deal with, but believes that we can and need to do better than the blanket 16,000 pound rule.

Mr. Culp stated that he appreciates Mr. DeKock's comments and concerns and said that he brought up some ideas that the Commissioners have discussed as well. As far as the exemptions, we follow what is stated in state statute regarding entities that have to be exempted. For example, farm drainage is exempted, but a bulldozer is not. If someone was to be pulled over hauling a bulldozer and they said they were doing farm drainage work, it could be hard to enforce. They recently talked about permits, but initially wanted to avoid going that route because it would be complex. We have to keep in mind the enforcement part of it. We have to make it easy and fairly uniform for the Sheriff's Department. Obviously, we all understand why animal agriculture and perishable commodities have to be exempted. He said that Mr. DeKock brought up a good point regarding an industrial park that has access via a county road. That is a zoning issue and probably shouldn't have happened that way to begin with. We need to be guarded against those types of zoning placements in the future. He continued by saying that the weight per axle makes sense but we had wanted to stay away from having to weigh vehicles. He understands that the more axles and tires means the less pounds per square inch on the road. He said that they've run into instances that have been health issues, such as someone with a failed septic and they needed someone to come and pump the tank out. They had discussed maybe charging them a special emergency type permit for that, but they want to be able to decipher what constitutes an emergency and what doesn't. Garbage trucks are a good example. In the past, they have been stopped from doing pick-ups for weeks at a time, but that can turn in to a health issue. It's a different story however when they are going to a building site to pick up a dumpster full of building materials, which is not an emergency. He said that Mr. DeKock brings up a good point and told Mrs. Ackerman that there is some work that we need to do.

Mr. DeKock stated that he's not promoting more taxes or fees or stopping more people, but understands that we need to take care of our roads. He's unsure where the county's burden stops and starts as far as infrastructure. Mr. Culp stated that the main reason the county did this was for financial reasons and that we've worked hard the past couple years to be involved in the legislative process to gain more road funding.

BRYAN DEKOCK / FROST LAW CONT'D: Mr. Culp stated that we received money this year for last year to work on twenty-three road projects that Mr. Haberlin put together. We got a grant for matching funds and started improving those roads last year. Work will continue on those roads this year. He hopes that the General Assembly will continue to appropriate more money. He stated that he doesn't want to speak for Commissioner Walstra, but he has mentioned that he thinks there should be designated routes in some areas. Mr. Maxwell stated that he too thinks we should have designated routes and we are working to get them up to standards so that they can be. The problem, Mr. Culp stated, will be that it will not help the people that don't live on a road included in the designated route(s). Mr. DeKock mentioned again that he would be willing to help, if needed. Mr. Maxwell stated that money was the driving force to initiate the frost law. It costs \$30,000 to re-do a double-seal road and \$68,000 or \$65,000 to re-do a black-top road. The gravel roads are also expensive to maintain because stone is not cheap. Mr. Culp told Mr. DeKock that his concerns are all valid. He said that last year, there were no exceptions and this year, they've worked with businesses to try to relax the enforcement on certain roads. He asked Mr. DeKock to leave his contact information and mentioned to Mr. Haberlin that it wouldn't be a bad idea to get a citizens group together to continue to make improvements to the process.

NICHOLAS VAN HOUTEN / U2 SOLUTIONS: Mr. Van Houten was present to discuss the possibility of the county using drones. He brought a report listing capabilities and benefits that they can provide. He said it would be possible to set up an entire program, specific to drones, to benefit the community. He said he based his report on county roads. For example, in Cook County, they were using drones to scan roads in order to find imperfections and general degradation. That would allow the county to prioritize each road with regards to repairs being made. He mentioned privacy concerns and the fact that pictures are taken in a public area. The entire national air space is considered public use unless outlined by the military. If drones were used for county roads, any private property or incriminating photographs could be edited out of the images. It could be helpful when looking for overgrown trees and drainage issues. Mr. Culp stated that he could see the bigger benefit being with drainage. He asked Mr. Dammarell from Butler, Fairman and Seufert if they use drones. Mr. Dammarell replied that they do use drones for construction inspection on large projects where the client may want a live feed or periodic review of the construction.

In addition to what he already mentioned, Mr. Van Houten stated that it would be interesting to also use drones for public relations and marketing for events such as the fair, Little Cousin Jasper and Rock the Arts. Mr. Culp asked Mr. Van Houten if this is his personal business. He replied that it is. He stated that they do a lot of contracting and are currently in negotiations with the federal prison in Terre Haute, Indiana. Mr. Culp asked him to share his power point presentation with Mr. Haberlin at a later time. Mr. Maxwell said that the Commissioners can come out and watch it as well, if they are available.

KEVIN KELLY / JCEDO: Mr. Kelly stated that the 2017 Guide for Investment should have been received via email and the 2017 tourism report was finished a few weeks ago.

DON SCHOENBECK / NITCO / BURIED CABLE: Mr. Schoenbeck was present and introduced Mr. Tom Carroll, Senior Vice President of NITCO. Mr. Haberlin confirmed with Mr. Schoenbeck that this is a request for a simple bore for a new structure. They will be going along the right of way forty feet. The three-hundred foot open trench is from the right of way to the structure. Mr. Haberlin asked the Commissioners if he gets paperwork from the Surveyor's office that there is no tile and it's a simple bore or simple repair can he give them a verbal approval, as was done in the past. The request from NITCO came in on January 4th, the Commissioners meeting was January 3rd and it's now February 13th, so the homeowners had to go over a month without service. Mr. Schoenbeck stated that this would just be for individual customers, not for large projects. He inquired about possible ways to speed up the process. Mr. Culp and Mr. Maxwell stated that they don't have a problem when they are just boring under the roadway. The issue is when they are going parallel with the road down the right of way. Mr. Haberlin said that if there is a tile, the Surveyor's office would be involved. Mr. Culp asked Mr. Schoenbeck what his procedure is when they are doing a locate and they find other utilities. He replied they go below the other utility if they can. If it's a fiber optic, they actually dig a hole and expose it so it doesn't get hit.

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DON SCHOENBECK / NITCO / BURIED CABLE CONT'D: Mr. Culp explained that, when someone is going down the easement, we are asking them to create a profile so we know the exact location within the right of way, but he's not sure it would make sense to do a profile for that one cut. Mr. Haberlin asked Mr. Schoenbeck if he could send us an email Autocad for our files after they do the locate, to which Mr. Schoenbeck agreed. Mr. Culp told Mr. Haberlin if a request is perpendicular to the easement, Mr. Schoenbeck can forward an Autocad drawing to Mr. Haberlin and he can approve it as long as there's no tile. Mr. Haberlin stated that Mr. Urbano will also be involved. Mr. Culp stated that, if there is tile, they will need to locate the tile to make sure they aren't intercepting it. Mr. Haberlin mentioned the work that was done in Whispering Woods and Mr. Urbano commented that NITCO did a great job in that subdivision. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the buried cable request. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

ACT# 17001 To provide service at 14050 N 600 W in Keener Township. There is no tile the area. (Permit #735)

BRIAN KAWCZYNSKI / ALLEY VACATION REQUEST / DEER PARK / 980 NORTH: Mr. Kawczynski was present to request a vacation of a street that was never developed. Attorney Beaver explained to Mr. Kawczynski that there is a process that needs to be followed when asking the county to vacate a right of way. A petition would need to be filed, followed by a public hearing. Notices would need to be sent out and it would have to be advertised in the newspaper. The public hearing will allow the adjoining property owners to weigh in on the issue. It may need to be verified with Mary Scheurich to determine who actually owns the real estate under the right of way. Mr. Kawczynski was advised to start the process by speaking with Mrs. Scheurich.

TRAINING REQUESTS: Vickie Bozell requested permission for herself and three deputies to attend the annual clerk's spring meeting conference in Newton County on March 9th. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

Vince Urbano requested permission to attend Purdue Road School March 6th – March 9th. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Culp stated that Jack Haberlin will also need to attend. Mr. Maxwell stated that he will also probably go but just for the day.

Beth Warren requested permission for herself and her deputy to attend the Fiddler user group meeting in Kokomo on February 16th. She also requested permission for herself and her deputy to attend the State Board Called Recorder's Conference in Columbus April 17th – April 20th. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve both requests. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

Christine Haskell requested permission for Kimberly Hitchcock and Ashley Clark to attend the 41st Annual Indiana Child Support State Conference in French Lick June 27th – June 30th. It would be paid for out of IV-D Funds. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

Donya Jordan requested permission to attend the Indiana County Treasurer's Association Spring Meeting in Carmel March 9th. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

Patrick Donnelly requested permission to attend the annual CVSO training at Camp Atterbury June 5th – June 8th. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

VACATION REQUESTS / EXTENSIONS: Pat Donnelly requested permission to use vacation days February 14, 15, 16, 17 and 21st. The office will be closed the 14th and the 21st. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

Harry Carney requested permission to extend one vacation day from 2016 to 2017. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried. They gave him until April 1st to use it.

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VACATION REQUESTS / EXTENSIONS CONT'D: Bill Batley requested permission to roll two vacation days from 2016 to be used by the end of February, 2017. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

VICKIE BOZELL / CEILING FAN REQUEST: Vickie Bozell requested permission for a ceiling fan to be installed in the Microfilm Department. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried. This will come out of the Buildings and Grounds Fund.

EMPLOYEE BONDS: The following bonds were submitted for approval: Vickie Bozell, Deputy Clerks, Pat Harper, Christine Haskell, Dawn Hoffman, Shannon Kellner, Wannetta Kressin, Cheryl Jo Myers, Terry J. Risner, Vince Urbano, Beth Warren and Terri L. Whitaker. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the bonds. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

MOWING BIDS: Mr. Culp stated that Colleen Culp's family would like to continue mowing the grass at the Surveyor's Extension Office for the 2017 season at \$50.00 per mowing, which was the same rate for last year.

He also stated that Jim Woodke would like to continue mowing the Sheriff's Department at the rate of \$140.00 per mowing.

Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve both bids. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

ATTORNEY BEAVER / JAIL BOND REFINANCE: Attorney Beaver brought papers for the Commissioners to sign regarding the Jasper County Jail bond refinancing transaction. The closing is set for February 21st. If the papers are signed today, the Commissioners will not need to attend the closing.

SHERIFF RISNER / FROST LAW / JAIL REPORT / EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT / CLAIMS // ANDY BOERSMA / BIDS / CLAIMS: Mr. Culp asked Sheriff Risner if it would be helpful for the Sheriff's Department if a citizen had a permit in the case of an emergency, such as a septic needing pumped, during the frost law enforcement. He replied that he thinks it would be very beneficial. Without written proof it's very hard to confirm, especially if it's after hours. Mr. Culp then asked if the entities that are exempted need permits or does the Sheriff's Department already know suggested routes for them to take. He replied that for Belstra Milling for example, they know they have different feed operations. He said the problem they are seeing is that people are not staying on state roads until they have to turn on to a county road, but rather taking whatever route they please. Sheriff Risner stated that, if they can get copies of the permits, they can enter them in to a database so the Officers can just pull them up on their laptops. Attorney Beaver said that the permitting would need to be part of the ordinance. He said a good place to start would be to look at the copies of the permits Mr. Haberlin sent him about one year ago from different counties. Mr. Culp asked Mrs. Ackerman to work with Attorney Beaver on the permits.

Sheriff Risner presented the Commissioners and Auditor Grow with the 2016 Jail Report. He said copies have also been sent to the State Jail Inspector, Circuit Court Judge and the Prosecutor's Office. The average population was eighty per day. Repair costs were approximately \$74,000 to \$75,000. They served 84,000 meals and were able to return \$35,000 that could have been in claims for meal money by only spending \$1.41 of the allowable \$1.83 per meal. The savings were realized by doing things such as buying in bulk when possible.

Sheriff Risner asked Mr. Culp to sign off on the Equitable Sharing Agreement Certification. This is for the Asset Forfeiture Fund and is prepared by Chief Deputy Williamson. The balance in the fund is \$61,768.82. He stated that there will be some claims coming out of it within the next thirty days which will bring the balance down to \$50,707.54. When they were audited by the state, there were no unauthorized expenditures found. The only thing they asked for was that the Sheriff's Department take different steps in the purchasing process as far as authorization to purchase from it. They want the Sheriff or Chief Deputy Williamson to initial all bills submitted as claims. They've also implemented a review process by the department.

SHERIFF RISNER / FROST LAW / JAIL REPORT / EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT / CLAIMS // ANDY BOERSMA / BIDS / CLAIMS CONT'D: Auditor Grow added that this is all part of Internal Controls. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to sign the Equitable Sharing Agreement. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Culp asked Sheriff Risner about the purchase of office chairs showing up on the claims. Sheriff Risner replied that they got new chairs for the control room, dispatch center and bar stool style chairs for the annex.

Mr. Boersma was present and stated that the District Homeland Security Director Tom Bettenhausen called to inform him the strike team leader for the morgue trailer was in Newton County and is no longer the County Coroner. Mr. Boersma has been asked if he would take over as the strike team leader, which would require that we find a place to house the twenty-four foot trailer along with the generator and the cooler. He requested permission from the Commissioners to take the appointment since they will need to be the ones to find somewhere to store the trailer. He asked that they let him know once they've decided.

Mr. Boersma stated that he received two bids for repair to the Sheriff's Annex and morgue, one from Kuiper Masonary and one from Hamstra Builders. Toppen elected not to submit a bid at this time. The bids were opened. Kuiper Masonary stated that they wish not to bid. The bid from Hamstra Group was \$22,750.00. There was discussion regarding specifications of the repairs needed. Sheriff Risner stated that he believes there may be structural damage along the sill plate. Mr. Culp asked Mr. Boersma to send him a listing of what needs done and the Commissioners will try to get a few more bids.

Mr. Culp asked Mr. Boersma about a claim from Hilton Funeral Supply for rubber gloves. He replied that the gloves are used in the morgue and on the scene. Mrs. Boersma stated that, if they are lucky, it will last them all year. By purchasing a yearly supply, they get a better price. They also leave some at the Annex in case they are needed there. Mr. Culp also asked about transport fees. Mr. Boersma replied that a transport is from the point of death to the morgue.

Sheriff Risner asked when they expect the road extension at 300 East and 1350 North will be completed. Mr. Haberlin replied that he will let everyone know once he hears from Kevin Sayers. Mr. Culp said that they are hoping it's done before spring planting. He believes the contractor was given a deadline of April 1st.

CLAIMS: Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

BRENT LELOUP / NIPSCO / PROPOSED MAIN EXTENSION / GEORGETOWN SUBDIVISION: Mr. Haberlin told Mr. Culp and Mr. Maxwell that he asked NIPSCO to be here because this is a large project they're proposing. Mr. LeLoup explained that they are extending plastic distribution for the Georgetown subdivision. They have existing mains on County Road 1200 West, just north of County Road 1100 North, at County Road 1000 West and at County Road 1100 West. They will be extending approximately 34,000 feet of two, three and four inch main to serve that area. He stated that, due to the size, they will be contracting this work out. It will all be directional bored. Standard depth is three feet. Where there are culverts or legal drains, they will go four to five feet below the bed. Mr. Culp asked Mr. Urbano if he's seen the plans, to which he replied that he has and they are scheduled to appear at the Drainage Board meeting this afternoon. Mr. LeLoup stated that the project will take three months. They have one-hundred and twenty customers that want service and plan to have three crews working on the project. There will be no cost to the customers, other than the conversion kit for their home after the meter. It's been approved based on NIPSCO's economic modeling for a twenty year payback. There was discussion regarding Mr. LeLoup's sketch of the project and other utilities in the area. Mr. LeLoup agreed to include and identify all utilities on his CAD, post-construction so the county can have a copy on record. Mr. LeLoup was advised that they still need to come to the Drainage Board meeting. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the project request, pending Drainage Board approval. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

At this time, there was a short break.

ROBERT BUSHORE ON BEHALF OF JONATHON WENDT / ALLEY VACATION REQUEST / KERSEY: Mr. Bushore was present on behalf of Jonathon Wendt. He stated that Mr. Wendt is remodeling the house and would like to subdivide the property, but needs to buy the easement. The Commissioners and Mr. Bushore looked at and discussed the beacon print-out. Mr. Culp told Mr. Bushore that there is a process that needs to be followed and that he needs to speak to Mrs. Horner in the Auditor's Office and she will direct him further.

MARK SINCLAIR / ANIMAL CONTROL / EMPLOYEE REQUEST: Mr. Sinclair was present and stated that he needs to replace a part-time employee that quit a few weeks ago. The position averaged twenty-five to twenty-nine hours per week. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve the replacement of the part-time position. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Sinclair also stated that he got a new laptop and computer program donated by a few of the board members, who purchased it using their own personal money. The program tracks the animals as well as the people associated with them. He said he would like a hotspot for the van, which would enable him to use the laptop in the van. Mr. Culp advised him to check with Bill Batley regarding this request.

IROQUOIS CONSERVANCY DISTRICT: Mr. Maxwell stated that he talked to Brian Moore and he would like to take his uncle Tom Moore's place on the board. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to appoint Brian Moore to replace Tom Moore on the Iroquois Conservancy District. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

WEED CONTROL BOARD: Mr. Maxwell made a motion to appoint Margaret Miller to replace Calvin Steinke, Christine Haskell to replace Katherine O'Neill and to reappoint Kendell Culp, Bryan Overstreet, David Rodibaugh, L. Thomas Korniak and Terry Risner. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

JACK HABERLIN / ROAD SCHOOL/ ETHICS AND RULES CLASSES: Mr. Haberlin stated that he'd like to attend the Ethics and Rules Classes; however, that will mean that he will miss the Drainage Board meeting on March 6th. Mr. Culp told him that they've already approved him to go to Road School, so that will be fine.

Mr. Haberlin mentioned a resolution that would allow him to sign off on things such as documents dealing with CCMG.

ATTORNEY BEAVER / UPDATES: Attorney Beaver stated that the county has advertised for the farm leases, which is the first time the advertisement has been done since 2014. We will continue with the way the process was done before. The Airport Authority will be designating the Commissioners as the bidding agent. Bids will be opened at the March 6, 2017 meeting. Attorney Beaver stated that Mr. Seif prefers two checks to be written by the tenant.

In regards to the County Code, Attorney Beaver stated that he received the proof of the code and the UDO along with a nine page letter containing questions. Each question requires review of two or three different ordinances that have been passed previously to determine how inconsistencies should be resolved. Getting through the questions is a long, arduous process but it will be a better product once it's complete and will be a permanent solution to a problem that's built up over time.

In regards to the risk management, he stated that he's made good progress in the last month putting together a template for a risk assessment that will then be done by all department heads. The State Board of Accounts is requiring that management be responsible for assessing their own risks. The Commissioners would serve as an oversight function. He will be getting a basic survey to each department head this week. A Risk Management Board was established last year, which consists of the Commissioners. He suggested revisiting that structure in order to make it less formal by not necessarily having to have advertised meetings and also include more branches of the county government, including a representative of the Council, the Auditor and the Treasurer.

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ATTORNEY BEAVER / UPDATES CONT'D: He believes that the GIS Board might be a good model. The Commissioners would still have the authority to take actions.

TOM MATHIS / CONCERNED CITIZEN: Mr. Mathis was present and expressed his concern regarding the GIS site. He said there are a lot of coding issues that exist and that improper coding is lost revenue for the government. He gave a few examples, one being Jonkman Garage in Demotte on 15th Street that is coded as a vacant lot; however, there is a building on the lot. The same for Belstra Milling next door. They also have buildings splitting property lines. Throughout the county, he said he's finding buildings on lots that are coded as vacant property. He also mentioned the differences in assessment per acre for a couple different businesses, one being assessed as a manufactured home, in the same area. He said he goes through the yellow pages to find businesses and then looks on the GIS site to see what they are coded. He said he doesn't believe it to be fair when a business is coded residential and the business owner is getting a significant tax break. LOIT is supposed to subsidize property taxes and he said he doesn't feel right subsidizing businesses that are not zoned or coded appropriately. He said he's also discovered several splits that don't comply with the UDO. He talked to Heather Tokarz about multiple splits that occurred in Kersey in 2006 and was told that there was no review done on them. Apparently, she's contacted the county and it is currently under research. He then said he also talked to her about people residing in barns, in which he was told the person is supposed to remove the barn six months after they receive the permit for the new residence. He gave multiple examples of properties, their coding and their assessed value. He said we need to get the businesses located in the correct zone and repeal the "Type 3 Home Business" because it goes against what traditional agricultural use is defined by state statute. He was thanked for his comments.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: There was discussion regarding openings on the Town of Demotte Plan Commission, Town of Wheatfield Plan Commission and the Jasper County Redevelopment Commission. The Demotte and Wheatfield appointments have to live in the buffer zone. The Redevelopment appointment has to be a school board member. On the Northwest Indiana Workforce Board, Kim Emshwiller would like to be replaced. Mr. Culp asked Mrs. Porter to call Wheatfield and DeMotte to ask if they have any recommendations for the Plan Commissions.

DIEDHAM QUOTE: Mr. Maxwell stated that the quote from Diedham is for repainting the ceilings in both courtrooms where they've leaked water and for installing pans under the air conditioning units. He said that Mr. Carney and Mr. Flick wanted to hold off on the repairs until they look at some other things. Mr. Maxwell stated that Diedham's told Mr. Ahler they have time to start on it now and then they will have a big project in the middle of March. Mr. Maxwell believes that Diedham's will stand behind their work. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve both bids, with Circuit Court being done first and then Superior. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: Auditor Grow presented Mr. Culp with the Annual Financial Report for the county. He and Mr. Maxwell signed it. She stated that she also sent it by email.

There being no further business, this meeting now stands in recess.

After the Drainage Board meeting:

BILL BATLEY / AIR CONDITIONING UNIT / PANIC BUTTON SYSTEM QUOTE / ANIMAL CONTROL HOT SPOT: Mr. Culp asked Mr. Batley if the Commissioners need to sign off for the new air conditioning unit. He replied that he's already signed off on it.

Mr. Culp and Mr. Maxwell asked Mr. Batley to explain what his other quote is for. Mr. Batley replied that it's a warranty for the courthouse panic button systems that were replaced two years ago. The quote will cover checking the unit, replacing the batteries and another two year warranty. Mr. Culp asked Mr. Batley to find out what is covered in the warranty. He said that he will get more information and bring it to the March meeting. He said that this was not budgeted for, but it will not be detrimental.

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BILL BATLEY / AIR CONDITIONING UNIT / PANIC BUTTON SYSTEM QUOTE / ANIMAL CONTROL HOT SPOT CONT'D: There was discussion regarding Mr. Sinclair's request for a hotspot in order to use their new Pet Point computer system in the Animal Control vans. Mr. Batley stated that hotspots are \$30.00 per month and he does not see it as a justified expense since they have county issued cell phones. He said he will tell Mr. Sinclair that the decision is tabled until there is an IT meeting.

AUDITOR GROW / JOB DESCRIPTIONS: Auditor Grow stated that Mr. Culp needs to talk to Mr. Kent Irwin regarding job descriptions. Mr. Irwin will then report back to Auditor Grow and she will email Mr. Irwin any changes.

BILL BATLEY / PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE SOFTWARE: Mr. Batley stated that Ms. Haskell would like to add child support to Docuware. He said that he advised her she needs to bring it up to the Commissioners first.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS / REPAIRS: Mr. Culp asked Auditor Grow if she's heard from the insurance adjustor regarding the repairs needed at Community Corrections and the Highway Department and she replied that she has not. He said the salt dome can be fixed but they need to decide if they are putting a metal roof on the building.

There being no further business, Mr. Maxwell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Culp seconded and the motion carried.

Kendell Culp, President

James A. Walstra, Vice President

Richard E. Maxwell, Member

ATTEST:

Kimberly K. Grow, Auditor of Jasper County

